12.04 ½ hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377*

MR. SPEAKER: The Matters under Rule 377 listed for the day will be treated as laid on the Table of the House.

Title: Need to fund scheme for effective utilization of Godavari river water in Andhra Pradesh.- Laid.

SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU (KAKINADA) : The Godavari River is a perennial river and joins the sea at the East Godavari and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh. A lot of water runs into the sea which could be put to better use for farming, drinking, and for industrial usage.

As the Godavari river is not a deep river, measures should be taken to encourage the utilization of the water through water lifting and pumping schemes for the above-mentioned purposes. A beginning has been made with the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) taking the initiative to put up a pipeline with funding from the APIIC for its steel plant at Visakhapatnam. Such schemes should be supported by the Government of India. More funding should be made available for pumping schemes to Municipal Corporations, Industrial and Farmers Organisations so that this perennial water source is more effectively utilized.

*Treated as laid on the Table.